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Marietta Voters Elect Superb Leadership Team

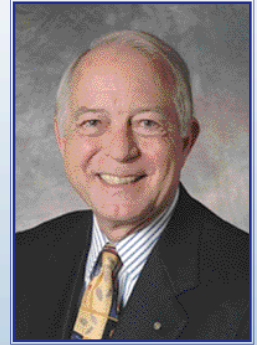
Voters in Marietta took advantage of the November 8 elections to install an excellent lineup of proven leaders and talented newcomers to lead the city into the future.

In the mayoral race, voters overwhelmingly reelected Mayor Bill Dunaway. Dunaway captured more than 77 percent of the votes cast in winning a second term.

"I thank the citizens of Marietta for their confidence, and will

continue working to earn their trust in my second term," Dunaway said.

First elected as mayor in 2001, Dunaway earned a reputation as an able leader during his first term as Marietta's mayor. For example, he played a lead role in efforts to improve the city's overall financial picture. These achievements included the sale of Marietta FiberNet and the



Mayor Bill Dunaway

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ELECTRIC EXTRAS



Electric Heat Pumps Offer Impressive Savings Compared to Gas Furnaces

The skyrocketing price of natural gas makes now the perfect time to consider switching to an electric heat pump system.

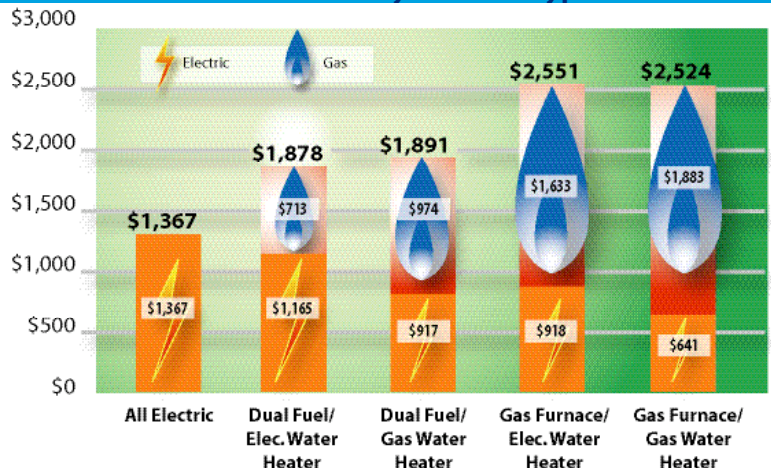
If you have heated your home with natural gas in recent years, you have probably noticed your bill creeping steadily upward during the past two years. In comparison, Marietta Power rates have remained virtually unchanged during that same time period.

Energy experts predict that the price gap will widen even more this year. For example, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the U.S. Department of Energy forecasts that the total natural gas costs for residential gas consumers this winter will average about \$1,100 – up more than 45 percent from last winter. Experts cite damage to natural gas production facilities caused by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita as one key reason for the increase.

Based on these cost differences, BLW energy experts say that switching to a dual fuel heat pump could save a consumer in our area up to \$600 a year, depending on the size of the home and the unit's heating capacity. Heat pumps deliver this savings by transferring heat from one place to another. Heat exists in the air even at extremely low temperatures. Heat pumps use technology that extracts heat from outside air and transfers it inside.

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Estimated Annual Utility Costs for Typical Home



implementation of operational changes at the Marietta Resort.

Dunaway won his first election here in Marietta at a young age. A native Georgian, he once served as class President of Marietta High School, from which he graduated in 1957. He went on to graduate cum laude from the University of Georgia Pharmacy College, where he was a co-captain of the UGA cheerleaders and a member of Rho Chi and Phi Kappa Phi. He attended Emory Graduate School of Business Administration and earned his master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School. A registered pharmacist and former president and owner of Dunaway Drug Stores, he was the owner and operator of the 1848 House Restaurant.

In addition to demonstrating their confidence in Mayor Dunaway, voters in

several wards reelected their sitting city council members. Anthony Coleman defeated his challenger in Ward 5, Jim King won another term in Ward 6, and Phillip Goldstein maintained his post in Ward 7.

Meanwhile, the remaining wards will have new representation when the city council convenes in January. Annette Lewis won her bid for election in Ward 1. Voters in Ward 2 chose Grif Chalfant as their new representative. Holly Walquist will represent Ward 3 and Van Pearlberg won in Ward 4. Most observers expect these new city council members to provide the organization with fresh perspectives on a wide range of issues that the city will face in the years to come.

For more information on the mayor and Marietta City Council, please visit www.mariettaga.gov. ⚡



Anthony Coleman



Jim King



Phillip Goldstein

Electric Heat Pumps Offer Impressive Savings Compared to Gas Furnaces (continued)

In addition, heat pumps put out less heat at one time than conventional gas furnaces. For that reason, they offer a more mellow form of heat. Some heat pumps will even heat the water in a home.

For maximum savings, you may even wish to eliminate gas entirely in your home. Energy analysts say that consumers can save more than \$1,000 by making the transition from gas to electricity for home heating, water heating, and cooking.

In addition, Marietta Power currently offers several incentives that will help you save even more when you switch from gas to electricity. By meeting a few simple conversion requirements when purchasing and installing new equipment, you can take advantage of these incentives and:

- **Save \$500 When Installing a New Electric Water Heater and New Dual Fuel Heat Pump.**
- **Save \$250 When Installing a New Electric Water Heater.**
- **Save \$150 When Installing a New Dual Fuel Heat Pump.**

For more information on these energy-saving incentives, please call Marietta Power at (770) 794-5102 or visit www.mariettagapower.com/advice.htm and click on the Residential Calculator link. For more details on how heat pumps work, please visit www.mariettagapower.com and click on Residential Energy Systems. ⚡

Calendar of Events

December 15 through 17 Nativity on the Marietta Square

Glover Park

Free

December 15, 6 to 9 p.m.

December 16, 6 to 9 p.m.

December 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fontanini nativity and carols by local churches and choirs. Sponsored by Citizens for a Christian Christmas Celebration.

December 18 through 24 Santa on the Square

Glover Park

Free

Santa's workshop will be open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Santa will make an early departure on December 24 and leave at 3 p.m.

Photo cards are available for \$6. (770) 794-5601 for more information.

January 24 through 29 Raising a President: The Story of Rachel Clark and Jimmy Carter

Theatre in the Square

Alley Stage

(770) 422-8369 for more information.

Sunday, February 12 Daddy Daughter Dance

Marietta Conference Center & Resort (770) 794-5601 for more information.

Marietta Power will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 in observance of the holidays. Marietta Power will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Friday, February 17 Arbor Day

Free

For more information call Keep Marietta Beautiful at (770) 794-5606.

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